

# Local Government Grant Update

## State Grants Management Section Office of Community Development



*"It Takes a Village..."*

### The Importance of Collaboration and Planning



How do local Louisiana government leaders ensure successful communities?

Even the definition and benchmarks of "success" are dynamic and shifting as global and domestic events impact all of us in ways unforeseen just decades ago. One thing, however, is sure—Louisiana's government leaders must plan for success if it is to happen.

Local governments certainly face the challenge of dealing with change each day. Large, global trends play out on the ground where people live in quite varying ways. And what is successful for one community could be a disaster for another. Political subdivisions are only imaginary lines—whether city limits or parish lines. Most real issues do not stop at that line, such as storm water runoff or rising demand for affordable housing. Citizens do not always care which entity is responsible; they just want the problem fixed.

Local and regional community development is intentional and not accidental. Yet the temptation to act fast, without a plan, is fueled by human nature and the reality of government and private funding. Local elected officials, com-

munity leaders, nonprofit service organizations, and other organizations within a town or city should interact and collaborate to chart the direction of each community, large or small, rural, urban or suburban.

Wise leaders know that healthy communities are those that continue to evolve, and that any community is only as healthy as the families, schools, churches, and businesses that make up that community. Having a strong network of faith- and community-based nonprofit organizations builds social and human capital, which determine the quality of life, culture, and vitality of healthy communities.

Craig Mathisen, a rural community development practitioner from Australia, has said that successful community development requires "interdisciplinary thinking," combining sociology, economics, demography, geography, political science, and more. As advice to local leaders, Mr. Mathisen offers the following lessons he has learned in his years of experience:

1. *Projects that are cash poor need to be people rich.*
2. *Work with what you've got.*
3. *Appreciate and nurture co-*

*operation and partnerships.*

4. *People love bricks and mortar projects and hate strategies and studies.*

5. *Those who don't believe it can happen should quietly get out of the way of those trying to make it happen.*

The Bush Administration's Faith-based Initiative causes both concern and excitement about enlarging the circle of providers of federally funded human services to include non-government organizations. The Louisiana State Grants Management Section has been contacted by numerous private nonprofit organizations that should be working in concert with local government leaders to reduce duplication and maximize efforts to meet critical needs as part of a larger, more comprehensive strategy to sustain and expand community development.

Does your community have a plan? The turn-around on grants and federal funding is often short. Do leaders of government, business, faith-based and others in the nonprofit sector share minimal understandings of what is needed for sustained and successful community well-being? Are there shared priorities? Is there a core group of committed people with purpose, even passion, for

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### Save the Dates

#### Regional Conferences

- May 23-24, Ruston
- June 6-7, Jennings
- July 18-19, Minden
- August 15-16, Pineville
- September TBA, Houma
- October 6-7, New Orleans
- Call (225) 342-7412 to register

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The US Department of Education is offering the **Foundations for Learning Grant**.

This program supports projects to help eligible children become ready for school. **The due date is June 20, 2005.** Please contact Earl Myers, US Department of Education, at (202) 708-8846.



The US Department of Education is offering the **Technology and Media Services for Individuals with Disabilities Grant**. The purpose of this program is to:

(1) improve results for children with disabilities by promoting the development, demonstration, and use of technology, (2) support educational media services activities designed to be of educational value in the classroom setting to children with disabilities, and (3) provide support for captioning and video description of programs appropriate for use in the classroom setting. **The due date is June 6, 2005.** Please contact Dave Malouf, US Department of Education, at (202) 245-7427.



The US Department of Education is offering the **Science and Mathematics Special Education Research Grant**. The purpose of this program is to

provide parents, educators, students, researchers, policymakers, and the general public with reliable and valid information about education practices that support learning and improve academic achievement and access to education opportunities for all students. **The due date is November 17, 2005.** For more information,

please contact David Malouf, US Department of Education, at (202) 245-7427 or email to David.Malouf@ed.gov.



The US Department of Education is offering the **Research on Education Finance, Leadership, and Management Grant**.

The purpose of this grant is to provide parents, educators, students, researchers, policymakers, and the general public with reliable and valid information about education practices that support learning and improve academic achievement and access to education opportunities for all students. **The due date is July 28, 2005.** For more information, please contact Mark Schneider, US Department of Education, at Mark.Schneider@ed.gov.



The US Dept. of Agriculture is offering **Rural Cooperative Development Grants**. This purpose of this grant is

to provide grant funds for rural cooperative development. **The Due Date is July 1, 2005.** Please contact the Louisiana USDA office at (318) 473-7921.



**The National Trust for Historic Preservation** is offering the Rural Heritage Development

Initiative providing \$745,000 to two pilot projects in rural areas to increase economic development. Applicants must use preservation strategies for economic growth, including heritage tourism, entrepreneurial development, barn restoration, land-use planning and housing revitalization. For more information contact the

Statewide and Local Partnerships Office at 202-588-6216. To request a grant application, visit [www.nationaltrust.org/about\\_the/RFP/contracts\\_rfp\\_rural\\_form.html](http://www.nationaltrust.org/about_the/RFP/contracts_rfp_rural_form.html). For more information about The National Trust for Historic Preservation visit their website at [www.nationaltrust.org](http://www.nationaltrust.org). Applications are **due June 30, 2005.**



The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture has issued a **Request for Applications for Research and Development Risk Management**

**Research Partnerships**. The purpose of this program is to fund partnerships that assist producers, minimize their production risks and develop risk management tools. For more information contact USDA, RMA/RED at 6501 Beacon Drive, Stop 0813, Kansas City, Missouri, 64133-4676 or phone 816-926-6343. Applications are **due July 5, 2005.**



The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture is offering the **Section 523 Mutual and Self-Help Housing Grants**. The

program's main objective is to provide financial assistance to qualified public bodies that will aid very low and low-income individuals and their families to build homes in rural areas by the self-help method. For more information about this program, contact the Louisiana USDA Rural Development office at 318-473-7921. The grant is **due September 30, 2005.**



**The Fossil Energy Research and Development** grant, offered by the Department of Energy, to receive applications for cost-

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research projects directed at minimizing freshwater use and consumption in the generation of coal-based thermoelectric power. Applications are due **June 10, 2005**. Contact John Augustine, Program Director, at (412) 386-4524 for more details.



The Department of Energy is offering the **Conservation Research and Development Grant** to conduct a balanced, long-term research

effort in the areas of Buildings, Industry, FreedomCAR and Vehicle Technologies and Hydrogen, Fuel Cells and Infrastructure. Applications are **August 2, 2005**. For more information log onto <http://www.eere.energy.gov/>.



NEH challenge grants help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for their humanities programs and resources. Awards are

made to museums, public libraries, colleges, research institutions, historical societies and sites, public television and radio stations, universities, scholarly associations, state humanities councils, and other nonprofit entities. For more information contact the staff of NEH's Office of Challenge Grants at 202-606-8309 and via e-mail at [challenge@neh.gov](mailto:challenge@neh.gov). **Deadline is November 1, 2005.**



The Department of Justice is offering the new **Weed and Seed Program** to first reduce crime and then to "seed" a community with neighborhood

activities, community service programs and a business climate to help improve the overall quality of life. Funds may reach \$175,000, with at least half to be committed to the "seed" portion of the program. Applications are due **September 15, 2005**. For more information access [www.ojp.gov/ccdo/docs/2005WSCCompetitiveSol.pdf](http://www.ojp.gov/ccdo/docs/2005WSCCompetitiveSol.pdf).



The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is requesting proposals for the design of the national evaluation

of the **Safe Start: Promising Approaches for Children Exposed to Violence program**. The program to be evaluated helps communities implement collaborative, cross-agency strategies to deliver services to reduce the impact of children's exposure to violence. The purpose of the evaluation is to assess which program strategies yield the best outcomes for children. **The deadline for this grant is June 7, 2005.** For more information call 888-549-9901 or email [helpdesk@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:helpdesk@ojp.usdoj.gov).



NATIONAL  
ENDOWMENT  
FOR THE ARTS

The National Endowment for the Arts is offering **Your Town: Citizens Institute for Rural Design**. The purpose of this project is to help rural Americans learn how to identify, protect, and enhance their main streets, built heritage, cultural landscapes, and open spaces. For further information go to <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/RFP/YourTown.html>. **The application due date is June 6, 2005.**



The US Department of Health and Human Services is offering the **Centers of Excellence in Public Health Informatics Grant**.

The purpose of this grant is to develop interdisciplinary approaches to: (1) electronic health record support of public health functions; (2) use of health care, population and other public health data in supporting public health systems and analyses; (3) basic capabilities that support public health practice such as statistical and health surveillance; and (4) public health decision support. **The due date is June 3, 2005 (letter of Intent).**



The U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development is offering the **Healthy Homes Technical Studies Program**. HUD is currently funding studies to

improve its knowledge of housing-related health hazards and to improve new hazard assessment and control methods. For more information contact Dr. Peter Ashley at (202) 755-1785, ext. 115. This application is **due June 8, 2005**.



The U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development is offering the **Healthy Homes Demonstration Program**. The purpose of this program is to develop, demonstrate and promote

cost-effective, preventive measures to correct multiple safety and health hazards in the home environment. For more information contact Emily Williams at 336-547-4002, ext. 2067. The application **due date is June 15, 2005.**



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The U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development is offering the **Lead Outreach** program. This program has three objectives which include: increase

enrollment of low-income housing units in lead hazard control treatment programs; development and distribution of outreach and educational materials to raise public awareness of childhood lead poisoning and prevention; encourage occupants to identify potential lead-based paint hazards. For more information on this program contact Jonnette Hawkins at (202) 755-1785 ext. 126. The application is **due June 14, 2005**.



The U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development is offering the **Lead Technical Studies Program**. The purpose of the program is to improve meth-

ods for detecting and controlling residential lead-based paint hazards. For more information contact Dr. Peter Ashley at (202) 755-1785, ext. 115. Applications are **due June 8, 2005**.



The U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development is offering the **Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program**. This program assists local

governments in programs that identify and control lead-based paint hazards in privately owned rental and owner-occupied housing units. For more information contact Jonnette Hawkins at (202) 755-1785, ext. 126. The grant is **due June 7, 2005**.



The U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development is offering the **Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program**. This program assists local

governments and other eligible entities in undertaking programs that identify and control hazards in privately owned rental and owner-occupied housing units. For more information contact at Jonnette Hawkins at (202) 755-1785, ext. 126. This grant is **due June 14, 2005**.



The U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development is offering the **Brownsfield Economic Development Initiative**.

The objective of this program is to assist local governments to redevelop abandoned or underutilized real property where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by the presence or potential presence of environmental contamination. For more information about this program contact William Seedyire at (202) 708-3484. **Due date is June 17, 2005.**



The U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development is offering the **Youthbuild** program. The objective of this program is to provide

economically disadvantaged young adults with opportunities to obtain an educational experience, foster the development of leadership skills and commitment to community, expansion of

permanent affordable housing for homeless low income persons, provide disadvantaged young adults with meaningful training experiences and to give to the greatest extent possible, job training, employment, contracting and other economic opportunities to low-income young adults. For more information visit the website at <http://www.hud.gov/utilities/intercept.cfm?/offices/adm/grants/nofa05/youthsec.pdf>. The grant application is **due June 21, 2005**.



The National Archives and Records Administration is offering the **Preserving and Providing Access to Records** program. The objective of the program is to encourage

archival repositories, state and local governments, historical societies, libraries, academic institutions, and others to act vigorously to locate and preserve documents of national and state historical significance. For more information, visit the NARA website at <http://www.archives.gov/grants/program>. **Due date is October 1, 2005.**



The Department of Defense is offering the **Research and Technology Development** grant to support and stimulate basic research, applied research and technology

development at educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, and commercial firms, which may have military or dual-use applications. For more information contact the director at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency at (703) 696-2399. Applications are **due June 28, 2005**.

# Save the Date

## Be On the LOOK Out for Next Year!

This year's Community Connect Broadband Grant closes on May 31, 2005. The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance to furnish broadband service in rural, economically-challenged communities where such service does not currently exist. This grant will be offered next year. If your community does not have broadband and you are interested in more information about this grant for next year, please contact the State Grants Management Office at 225-342-7412.

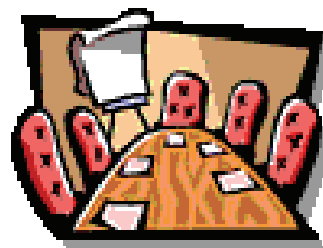
## Regional Conferences

The State Grants Management Section has announced all the dates for its eight regional grant seminars. As mentioned in the cover story of this newsletter, the conferences' goal is to increase the ability of prospect research and grant writing capabilities of Louisiana's local governments, state agencies and non-profit organizations. If you would like more information OR you would like to register for this **FREE** event, please call 225-342-7412 for more information.

## Collaboration

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community? If so, you are well-situated to maximize the use of the State Grants Management Section in the Office of Community Development. What is your plan?



## **FAX OR MAIL FORM**

## Need Some Research Assistance?

### Information Request Form

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Agency (Check one): Government \_\_\_\_\_

Individual \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Profit \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like research assistance regarding funding for a specific project, please give a brief description of your project below:

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Mail request to: Office of Community Development, P.O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9095 or Fax it to us at (225) 219-0373.

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*The State Grant Management Section was established within the Office of Community Development as a new initiative of Governor Blanco. The State Grants Management Section seeks to increase the awareness of the availability of federal and private funds, reduce the duplication of effort among state agencies, and to build capacity throughout Louisiana regarding grant research and grant writing. The State Grants Management Section staff is available to conduct grant research and provide assistance with grant writing to state agencies, local governments and nonprofits. The staff will work closely with state agency officials to identify funding opportunities regarding agency priorities. Also, the State Grants Management Section will collect data regarding federal funding awarded in Louisiana.*

**We Can Help! Let us help you find federal and private funding  
SGMS: Prospect Research and Grant Writing Services!**



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